



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN OCTOBER 2007

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TOWN COUNCIL
Woodlands Fall Clean-up
PLANNING COMMISSION
Town Fall Clean-up

October 4th
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Eulau
North Beach
Roberts
Water Tower

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SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

RTID/ST2: "Largest local tax increase in history"- by Villager Walter Scott

Come learn about it – **This Saturday, 9/29/07, 10 AM - Noon, Bellevue City Hall**

Residents may be aware that a big tax package for light rail (LRT) & highway expansion (RTID-a.k.a. "Proposition One") will be on the ballot in November. We all know that something needs to be done to relieve congestion, but there are varying opinions among experts concerning the following:

Cost: Initially estimated at \$7.7 B for roads & \$10.1 B for LRT. Now these costs expand exponentially depending on who you believe. We've heard estimates of \$230/household per yr., to \$888/HH/YR, to \$1,430/HH/ YR. for up to 50 yrs!

Effect: Sound Transit estimates 17M trips/day in the region in 2026. After deducting would-be bus riders (BRT), the net increase in mass transit is about 48,000/day; so LRT will reduce congestion by ½ of one % per day. I think this is understated since most of E –W LRT trips will occur during rush hour. So, if it were doubled to one percent, is that enough to warrant the expense and environmental intangible costs?

Environment: Sound Transit (ST) will not give noise estimates on the radius (LRT turn from I-90 to Bellevue CBD), but this has been a real problem for neighborhoods in Portland. ST says the noise across I-90 will sound like a "bus". The impact to Enatai is unknown since the exact route has not been determined (likely down Bellevue Way), but the LRT will either be elevated or tunneled (closer to the Bellevue downtown core). Will the LRT use up the I-90HOV?

Alternatives: Congestion pricing? If the plan fails, will the package next year separate rail from roads?

*If you want to learn to facts before you vote, come to the **Bellevue City Hall, THIS SATURDAY, Sept.29th, 10 AM – NOON** to hear the experts debate this topic & answer questions. – NWC of 112th Ave / NE 4th St.*

FALL TOWN CLEAN-UP:

The **Fall Town Clean-Up Work Party** is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th, from 9 AM to noon.

Please see the attached flyer for all the details! A dumpster map will be posted on each mailbox stand also.

TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the September Council meeting:

- The Council passed Ordinance No. 352 adopting the Town's Six-Year Transportation Plan for 2008-2013. The State requires the Town to adopt a new six-year plan each year in order to be eligible for state and county funding grants.
- Councilmember Young gave a brief report on the progress of the Tree Committee. He also explained that the purpose of a tree survey on Town ROWs is to assess their health and determine the best method of maintaining our urban forest.
- The Council discussed the increasing encroachments of private improvements on Town property and

how best to address the issue. Discussion on this item will continue over the next several months.

- Councilmember Leider reported that we have received feedback from Puget Sound Energy on the cost to underground our utilities and that it is time to develop a plan for getting information to and for hearing input from our residents.
- Clerk-Treasurer Spens issued a call for budget input from members of the Council and department heads.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7pm on Tuesday October 9, 2007 at Steve Eulau's house.

BUILDING NEWS: The following permits have been issued from the Building Department recently: 10317 SE 29th St. - permit issued for an earthquake retrofit.

A TIP FROM YOUR WATER DEPARTMENT: Does your dishwasher start to develop a brown film that just won't wash away without hard chemicals or a lot of elbow grease? The film is caused by minerals in our water supply and is common among well-water users in this area. Here's a quick and easy way to remove that film. Put about a cup of Tang (yes, the stuff the astronauts used to drink!) into your empty dishwasher and run it through a full wash cycle. You'll be amazed at the results!

WABA BUSINESS:

The next WABA meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, October 4th at a location to be determined. Please watch your mailbox stands!

THANKS to those WABA members who attended to special meeting this Thursday at Bellevue Christian Church to vote in the new bylaws! A big thank you goes to Kyle Branum, who has spent the year getting this major task seen to completion, as well as those of you who provided input to the board.

WABA welcomes James and Lucy Goldman to the Village. They are in the Pratten house; please say hello!

WABA WOODLANDS WORK PARTY:

Woodlands Manager Sheila Justus invites all WABA members to participate in a **Fall Woodlands Cleanup on Saturday, October 13th**. Please meet at 9:00 AM at the north parking lot. Bring gloves, weeding tools and totes if you have them! Speaking of totes, WABA will be adding two yard debris totes to the exiting garbage and recycling totes at the parking areas. **PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY WABA TOTES FOR PERSONAL (home) GARBAGE, RECYCLING or YARD WASTE.** If you do see yard debris or weeds which have been removed from the wooded areas, please deposit them. If you would like to help with weeding or cleanup, but can't make the work party on the 13th, please contact Sheila at 646-7856. There will be another planting work party to be scheduled following a "State of the Woodlands" report and planning meeting to be held this fall; stay tuned for details.

THE BEAUX ARTS SKI CLUB is eagerly preparing for winter fun. All villagers are invited to join us for our annual trip to Wenatchee's Mission Ridge, set this year for January 19th and 20th. The much coveted Awards Banquet is planned for Saturday, January 19th at a location to be determined in Wenatchee. Also, tentative plans are being made for a group trip to the annual Warren Miller movie in Seattle in November. If you are not yet on the Ski Club's email list, please contact Club Secretary John Rose at jrose@alumni.Princeton.edu. Think Snow!

CENTENNIAL UPDATE: We are planning many exciting events for 2008! We still need lots of help. We'll be reconvening later this fall; see Angela Kulp if interested. If you can help us with contact information, please see Sylvia Hobbs.

BEAUX ARTS BOOK:

Talking About Beaux Arts, the coffee table book that made its debut at the '06 Winter Dinner, is available for \$35. The book features historical information and stories of Village life told from the perspective of many residents past and present, as well as photos, maps, and a record of owners of each house from the very first owners to 2005. You may place your order for copies of this unique book by contacting Robin Stefan (e-mail: robinstefan@comcast.net, phone 453-1133).

MATH TUTOR: If you are in need of a Math Tutor this fall, please contact lifeguard Michael Hallak through Julia Morse, WABA Member-at-large.

LOST AND FOUND:

If you found a medium, black *duffle bag* near the north beach or boat docks early September, please contact Linda Mui right away!

If you lost a *camera* by the swimming area early September, please contact Angela Kulp if it may be yours.

MAILBOX STANDS:

Phone Directories- The US West Dex Phone directories were delivered to the mailbox stands early July. If you have not yet picked up a bag of them for your house, please do so quickly!

WABA Mailbox- WABA now has a *permanent mailbox* on 28th & 104th at 10010 SE 28th St. This box is for residents to hand deliver items addressed to WABA only.

Town Mailbox – The Town has a *permanent mailbox* across from the water tower at 10550 SE 27th St. This box is for delivery of US Mail to the Town and may be used by residents to hand deliver payments to the water department. Please no WABA mail!

Outgoing Mailbox- The Town also has a *permanent outgoing mailbox* at 28th & 104th; the box is green, sits on a separate post, and is marked “Outgoing Mail Only”. Residents are encouraged to use this box for their outgoing mail sent via USPS.

New Mailbox Stands- If your neighborhood mailbox stand is in need of replacement; please join your neighbors that use it, in planning and executing this task together. Deputy Clerk Kulp can put you in touch with other neighbors that have done it in the past, if you need plans or assistance.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.
Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 454-8580
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp** if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.
Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 269-6985
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- To report Block watch concerns, contact:
Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster: (425) 746-0757

FALL TOWN CLEAN-UP – OCOBER 27, 2007 – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the fall Town Clean-Up: Saturday, October 27, from 9AM to noon. Your participation, by either working on the Town property adjacent to your property or on your street, or by helping with this year's special project, would be very much appreciated. By mid-October you will receive a call from your Block Captain who will remind you of the details, and may ask for help on a few tasks. If you have questions, or do not receive a call, please contact Robin Stefan, 453-1133.

October 27 Special Project – Water Tower Lot: This is the lot next to Whatmore's and across from Elston's. We will continue removing invasive species (ivy, blackberry, laurel and holly), finish spreading wood chips, and plant native species.

If you can help out on the Water Tower Lot, please meet there at 9AM, October 27. Bring gloves, weeding tools, clippers, shovels, watering cans, wheelbarrows. The more volunteers, the more fun we'll have and the more we can accomplish.

Two refreshment cars will circulate from 9Am to noon on the 27th. Please participate and help maintain our Town rights-of-way, while enjoying refreshments and the company of your neighbors. All efforts are appreciated. Thank you!

A few Town Clean-Up reminders:

- * Dumpster locations are noted by stars, per the map posted at mail stands. (Next to Matsudaira, Lowry, Water Tower, Wydrowski & North Beach parking lot.)
- * Dumpsters are only for compostable material from Town rights-of-way.
- * If you can not haul your material and need special assistance, call ahead to schedule a reservation for pick up help, by calling Robin Stefan, 453-1133, no later than October 25. Do not leave debris out on the street for pick up with out a reservation.
- * You are encouraged to work on the rights-of-way between 9AM and noon, so as to enjoy refreshments and the company of fellow Villagers. However, if these hours don't work for you, the dumpsters will be available all weekend, so you can work other times.
- * Please trim back foliage from; street signs, house numbers, mail box stands, and corners to provide safe visibility.
- * Please remove ivy, everywhere, but especially from tree trunks.
- * We suggest you encourage your kids to participate and feel the pride and satisfaction of contributing to their Town.

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